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In re Application of:

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Method and System for Upgrading a Fiber

Optics Network

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. Appellants filed an Appeal Brief on June 24, 2008. A Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed July 9, 2008. A Response to Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was filed on July 23, 2008. Appellants are currently awaiting action from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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